

# **Joint Investigation with the Bethany Beach Police Department Leads to the Arrest of an UBER Driver**



Saddam A. Awadallah, 26 of Frankford

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***Sussex County, De.*** – The Delaware State Police, in partnership

with the Bethany Beach Police Department have arrested a Frankford man after the culmination of a six month long investigation of multiple burglaries in Sussex County.

The initial investigation began in August 2016 as the Delaware State Police Burglary Unit Detectives were able to link the suspect, Saddam A. Awadallah, 26 of Frankford, to multiple burglaries in the Bethany Beach and Fenwick Island areas.

Through investigative measures and numerous interviews an Uber driver, identified as Saddam Awadallah, was developed as the suspect in the burglaries. The investigation revealed Awadallah drove a white 2004 Toyota Sienna van and would transport individuals from their residences to local area businesses and restaurants located in the Ocean City and the Dewey Beach areas.

While his Uber passengers were away from their residences, he would return back to the their vacant homes to steal various items. These incidents all occurred in a narrow timeframe during the night while the victims were away. The suspect snatched credit cards, computers, watches, cell phones, tablets, sunglasses, and other various items.

Degree, Possession of Burglar Tools, Theft with a victim 62 YOA or older, 11 counts of Theft, and Criminal Mischief. Saddam A. Awadallah was arraigned before the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas and subsequently committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in default of a \$31,000.00 secured bond.

These incidents remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police and detectives are asking anyone who may have been a victim or may have any information in reference to these incidents to contact Detective T. Powell at 302-752-3807. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com), or by sending an anonymous

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